

REMARKS

In the Office Action that was mailed on May 2, 2005, claims 1-18, 21-25, and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall; claims 19-20 and 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall in view of Cafarelli; and claims 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall in view of Liu. The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-34 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 1, 7, 14, and 17 are independent claims.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 17, and 30-32 are amended herein to recite removable “media” storage device. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 17, and 30-32 may be found in the Specification at page 11, lines 10-19.

Rejections of the Claims:

Independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 17 (as amended herein) recite a removable “media” storage device. The cited references do not disclose or suggest the same.

Hall discusses GPIB devices, which are described therein as being used “to analyze, measure or control a unit under test (UUT) or process 130.” (Hall, col. 3, lines 47-49). Even if the GPIB devices contain state change information as asserted on page 8 of the January 11, 2005 Final Office Action, state change information is not media, as recited in the independent claims (as amended). Someone of ordinary skill in the art would not read Hall as discussing the GPIB devices storing media, nor would someone of ordinary skill in the art find it obvious to use Hall’s GPIB devices to store media. Therefore, Hall does not disclose or suggest that which is claimed in independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 17, and those claims are allowable as a result. Dependent claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-16, and 18-34 are allowable, for example, based in part on their dependency from one of independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 17.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition

for allowance, which action is courteously requested. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Q. Ammon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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